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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am writing to inform the House of Representatives how I would have voted had I been able to be present in the House on Monday May 19, 2014 and on Tuesday May 20, 2014. I was unavoidably absent, and instead in my Congressional District in Georgia, due to Georgia's Federal Primary Election day being Tuesday May 20, 2014.

With that said, this is how I would have cast my votes on rollcall votes before the House.

Monday May 19, 2014:

Rollcall 218, on H.R. 2203, To provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus—"yea."

Rollcall 219, on H.R. 685, To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively—"yea."

Tuesday May 20, 2014:

Rollcall 220, on the Conference Report to H.R. 3080—Water Resources Reform and Development Act—"yea."

Rollcall 221, on H.R. 3530—Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act—"yea."

Rollcall 222, on H.R. 4225—Stop Adversing Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act—"nay."

WEST POINT GRADUATES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate Michigan's United States Military Academy class of 2014 for completing the demanding requirements of West Point. They will soon receive their commission as 2nd Lieutenants in the U.S. Army and go on to serve our great nation, protecting American national security interests throughout the world. Their commitment to the Army and this country is admirable.

As a former officer in the United States Army, I commend them on this outstanding accomplishment. I take great pride in seeing Americans, young men and women like them, choose such a demanding, honorable path.

I wish them nothing but continued success and congratulate them again on achieving such a momentous accomplishment.

LIST OF CADETS GRADUATING FROM THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT ON MAY 28, 2014

Andrew E. Carlson, Troy; Andrew R. Fanko, Perry; Andrew J. Lee, Novi; April C. Emerson, Stanwood; Benjamin M. Miller, Clinton Twp.; Benjamin E. Schiff, Lakeville; Brenden A. Plancon, Charlevoix; Cabot M. Howell, Birmingham; Calla E. Glavin, Birmingham; Devon J. Comeau, Oakland; Garrett T. Kastl, Hope; Ian M. Brambs, Farmington Hills; Jacob T. Gleason, Warren; James M. DiMilia, Northville.

John G. Buckle, Northville; Justin W. Haggerty, Belleville; Kyle A. Maxwell, Romeo; Matthew J. Hoff, Portage; Matthew A. Thompson, Ann Arbor; Paul P. Hancock IV, Dearborn; Peter T. Noreen, Cedar Springs; Quetzalcoatl S. Carrasco, Ypsilanti; Ricardo J. Galindo, Farmington Hills; Rita I. Snyder, Rockford; Thomas A. White, Ann Arbor; Emily N. Clemons, Grosse Ile; Joshua P. Herbeck, Ann Arbor; Charles M. Kelly, Birmingham; Morgan K. White, Monroe.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF JOE INFAUSTO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joe Infausto as he retires after 43 years of public service as a police reserve officer. Joe's commitment and dedication to serving his community deserves to be commended.

Joe began his career in law enforcement in 1970 with the Clovis Police Department Auxiliary Unit. In 1977, he received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Criminology from California State University, Fresno. That same year, Joe was transferred to the Fresno Police Department Reserve Unit where he served for thirty-six years.

As a reserve officer, Joe was a citizen volunteer who donated his time and energy to help make Fresno a better place. Throughout his law enforcement career, Joe received numerous commendations for his service and professionalism, including achieving the rank of Lieutenant in 1999.

Joe's dedication to the security of his community was not only exemplified through his service but also through the establishment of his small business, BESTEC Security in 1983. BESTEC Security provided state of the art security systems and equipment to individuals and families throughout the Central Valley for 23 years. Joe sold the business in 2006 and continued to serve as a Fresno Police Department Reserve Officer.

Prior to leaving the Reserve Unit, Joe was assigned to the Mounted Unit, where he continued to carry out his duty to protect and serve the citizens of Fresno while on horseback.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Joe Infausto as he celebrates his retirement from the Fresno Police Reserve Unit.

HONORING STRAIGHT "A" STUDENTS AT ROACH MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of bright, dedicated, and dynamic students at Roach Middle School. These students worked hard and earned "All A's" during the 2013–2014 school year. The effort and hard work behind

these stellar letter grades is a testament to the student's dedication to excellence and their superior educators.

I believe the most precious gifts we can give to our children are loving families and a good education. These two things together make up the backbone to a young person's success and when we see our kids succeed, we too succeed. I thank Roach Middle School parents, teachers and faculty for the time, energy, and effort they invest in our young leaders daily.

At a young age, these students are striving for a brighter future with more opportunities to discover their passions and reach their fullest potential. It gives me great pride to know that an exceptional education with life-long values is being taught at Roach Middle School. Their success is not only a tribute to their commitment to education but also to the support they receive from their family and teachers.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these dedicated students, whose names are listed below, and I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on their achievement, and to encourage them in their future endeavors. Keep up the good work!

God Bless you and I salute you.

Aloki Ajmera, Shoshana Ambers, Rishika Balreddygari, Meredith Beck, Avery Braune, Makenna Carlson, Tayah Chece, Aaron Cheung, Emily Chilton, Isabel Daniel, Paulina Delgadillo, Cambria Dyess, Ashton Eades, Brooke Friedman, Megan Gallacher, Kristine Gauch, Yashna Gongal, Danna Gonzalez-Pedroza, Sheza Habib, Emma Hackley, Alexandria Hayes, Bailey Jarrett, Shrita Jayanthi, Simran Kakkar, Amanda Kampe, Krishna Karur, Alexis King, Aranya Krishnan, Samyuktha Kumar, Judy Lee, Grace Li, Jeffrey Li, Arturo Martinez, Alex McEachem, Emma Nalbantov, Shubhi Nanda, Isabelle Ong, Marianne Pugh, Sophia Quiroz, Isha Rajupet.

Anne Remorca, Reece Riherd, Ryan Sanders, Isabella Selunich, Sophia Schmich, Alexandra Shrauner, Abbey Sprick, Sofia Torres, Kerry Tu, Karthik Tummala, Lillian Vukin, Rosie Wang, Jessica Wu.

HONORING GUNNER'S MATE RANDOLPH (RANDY) F. JONES

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a constituent of the Sixth District of Georgia, former Gunner's Mate Randolph (Randy) F. Jones. Born on June 3, 1924 in Phoenix City, Alabama, Randy was raised on a farm during the Great Depression. Due to the hard times, Randy and his family moved to Talbot County, Georgia, where his grandfather maintained a farm where corn, peanuts, sweet potatoes, soy beans and cotton were grown. Moving to Warm Springs, Georgia, in 1942, Randy soon got a job as a grocery clerk at the Warm Springs Foundation. Warm Springs is famous nationally as the location frequented by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt for his treatment for polio.

His initial time at Warm Springs did not last long, as Randy enlisted in the Navy near the end of 1942 while the nation fought the Second World War. During this time, he served as a Gunner's Mate on the Destroyer U.S.S.

Swanson. His tour of duty took him around the globe and included the Mediterranean, the Pacific and the Atlantic. Randy was discharged in 1946.

After serving his nation, Randy returned to his job in Warm Springs. While there, he met the love of his life, Sarah Leverett. They were happily married for 46 years until she passed away in 1993. Randy has two children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Randy worked at the Warm Springs foundation for 47 years. During the time he was there, Randy worked as a grocery store clerk and manager, food buyer, chef, purchasing agent and even managed a golf course in his spare time. Additionally, he served on the county school board for 10 years.

Currently residing at the Elmcroft of Roswell Senior Living Community, Randy has continued to attend to the needs of his friends and neighbors. For three years running, Randy has been voted by his peers as Valentine King. He currently is President of "The Elmcroft Elder Statesman."

On June 3 of this year, Randy will celebrate his 90th birthday. For all of his years of service to our community and nation, the people of Georgia's Sixth District sincerely thank him.

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR
KENNETH M. QUINN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn for being named the twenty-third recipient of the Iowa Award by Iowa Governor Terry Branstad. This is a remarkable and well-deserved achievement for one of the finest citizens in Iowa's 168 year history.

The Iowa Award is the highest citizen award attainable from our great state. Established in 1948 by Governor Robert Blue and the Iowa Legislature, the Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation bestows the Iowa Award approximately every half decade through a self-financed event. The foundation was created "to encourage and recognize the outstanding service of Iowans" in numerous fields and to recognize the "merit of their accomplishments in Iowa and throughout the United States."

Knowing Ambassador Quinn and counting him as a close friend, I can think of no more deserving Iowan to be formally recognized for his service to our state, nation, and world as a whole. Kenneth will formally join this elite class of Iowans, including President Herbert Hoover, Dr. James Van Allen, Vice President Henry Wallace, and Dr. Norman Borlaug, when Governor Branstad presents Ambassador Quinn with the Iowa Award at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates in Des Moines later this month.

Mr. Speaker, I have lauded Ambassador Quinn's astounding biography, service, philanthropy, and heroism previously in this hallowed chamber and I am privileged to reiterate that sentiment today. Ambassador Quinn has dedicated his life and his talents to assisting those in all corners of the globe and words cannot express the extent of his positive impact left on his colleagues, the State of Iowa, and countless individuals around the world. It

has been one of the greatest honors of my career to represent and assist Kenneth in all that he does and his selection by Governor Branstad to receive the Iowa Award is affirmation that I am far from alone in my effusive praise and appreciation. I invite my fellow Members of Congress to join me in thanking Ambassador Quinn for his decades of unwavering service and to congratulate him as the people of Iowa proudly count him among our state's most storied and influential citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF ELAINE JANSON

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Elaine Janson, a true leader in our community who has served China Lake for over thirty years and the past ten years of her life to the students of the Sierra Sands Unified School District in California.

Receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and a Masters in Public Administration from California State University, Bakersfield, Elaine began work as a clerk for the Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake, located in Ridgecrest, California. In 1974, she became an administrative officer in the School of Education and the Department of Physics at the University of Southern California, but returned to NAWS China Lake in 1978 to head the Corporate Budget Division in the Office of the Comptroller where she was responsible for formulating and executing the base's budget of \$1 billion.

Through the Office of General Counsel, Elaine founded the Commercial Applications and Transfer Office, which was responsible for negotiating patent license agreements, as well as cooperative research and development agreements. She was awarded the Commander's Award in 1993 for these efforts. She negotiated landmark agreements in both the intellectual property and educational partnership areas as well for NAWS. Elaine is also a founding member of the NAWS Business Development Office, which works to expand the base's work and bring additional jobs and business to our community. During this period, she was a founding member of the China Lake Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptroller, serving as its Vice President, and has been members of multiple other organizations, including the Federal Laboratory Consortium, the Technology Transfer Society and the Association of University Technology Managers. Not only did Elaine dedicate time serving NAWS, she also plays a leadership role in the Ridgecrest community, serving on the Ridgecrest United Way of California board and the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association. She retired after 33 years in Federal service with the United States Navy, but Elaine's passion for service did not end there.

Elaine has spent the last ten years with Sierra Sands Unified School District where she began in 2003 as the Chief Financial Officer. Later, she moved on to serve as the school district's Assistant Superintendent for Business and Assistant Superintendent for Construction.

Over the period of her tenure, she not only oversaw the district budget, but also supervised maintenance and operations, transportation, food service, and warehouse departments. Her work with Superintendent Joanna Rummer also helped secure significant Federal funds to replace Murray Middle School and modernize Burroughs High School to ensure our students are able to obtain a world-class education in modern buildings. Additionally, during a period in which the entire nation experienced one of the worst economic climates, Sierra Sands Unified School District remained fiscally solvent and maintained the integrity of its outstanding academic programs.

If anything personifies Elaine's service, it is her passionate advocacy for her students in the school district. I have enjoyed working with Elaine to promote Sierra Sands Unified School District, its students, and our Ridgecrest community. I will miss our frequent visits and the See's Candies that Elaine always brings with her, but I know she is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, James, and their 14 children and grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful community, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Elaine for her outstanding service and wishing her a happy retirement as she begins this next chapter of her life.

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Chair, I rise to thank Chairman MCKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for agreeing to include three of my amendments into this en bloc package. Those amendments are numbered "43", "81", and "140", respectively.

Grayson Amendment No. 43 will reinsert a worthwhile provision from the introduced version of H.R. 4435, requested by the Department of Defense, that was omitted from the bill text marked up in committee.

This amendment provides the authority and discretion necessary to return personal property that is retained as evidence in connection with an investigation into a sexual assault involving a member of the Armed Forces.

After the conclusion of all legal, adverse action, and administrative proceedings related to an incident, should a victim desire to have certain personal belongings returned to him or her, our Armed Forces will now have the ability to fulfill that request.

As we all know, one of the primary goals of the American judicial system is to produce outcomes that will "make the victim whole." Sometimes, Madam Chair, one important thing that we can offer a victim is to return items that he or she may cherish, which may have